GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Clearance for Hydro Power Projects
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of hydro projects granted clearance by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Uttarakhand;
(b) whether the Supreme Court has given any directions related to hydro power projects; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)Twenty one (21) hydro power projects have been granted environment clearance during the last 3 years including current year. No hydropower project has been granted environmental clearance in the State of Uttarakhand during the said period. The list of these 21 projects is annexed.

(b)to (c) Hon'ble Supreme Court (SC) vide its order dated 13.8.2013 has directed not to grant any further environmental and forest clearances in the State of Uttarakhand until further orders. However, Hon'ble SC vide its order dated 12.10.2015 has clarified that the order dated 13.8.2013 prohibiting approval of hydroelectric power projects by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC) in the State of Uttarakhand is limited to 24 projects only. Five (5) hydropower projects have not been considered by the Ministry due to ban imposed by Hon'ble SC which are now being considered in view of Hon'ble SC order dated 12.10.2015.
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